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AUGUST 28 - SEPT 3, 1978, FIELD OPERATIONS THRU SEPT 8

1. GOM ERADICATION AND ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS FOR THE 35TH
WEEK OF 1978 ARE OUTLINE BELOW. FIGURES IN PARENTHESIS
REFLECT CUMULATIVE TOTALS SINCE DEC 1977.

ERADICATION, AUGUST 28 - SEPT 3, 1978

ZONES	11-12	5-9	3-4	1-2	TOTAL
A. POPPY FIELDS	20.	9.	0	68.	97(15,939)
B. HECTARES	4.00	.46	0	1.54	6 (1,274)
C. MARIHUANA FIELDS	1.	221.	75	161.	458 (6,884)
D. HECTARES	.02	11.26	1.88	54.9	68.06(905)
E. MIXED FIELDS	0	0	0	0	0 (114)
F. HECTARES	0	0	0	0	0 (18)

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ENFORCEMENT, AUG 28 - SEPT 3, 1978

	THIS PERIOD	CUMULATIVE
A. KG HEROIN	7.662	101.327
B. KG OPIUM	.500	299.985
C. KG OPIUM SEED	1.00	99.09
D. HEROIN LABS	1	17

E. HASHISH/MARIHUANA LABS	0	2
F. DANGEROUS DRUGS LABS	0	3
G. KG COCAINE	.758	54.586
H. KG MARIHUANA	937.75	431,435
I. KG MARIHUANA SEED	10.35	1,839.555
J. KG HASHISH	.255	64.17
K. LITERS HASHISH OIL	0	.250
L. KG PEYOTE	0	22.02
M. D.U. DANGEROUS DRUGS	8	22,296,110.
N. DANGEROUS DRUG TABLET MACHINES	0	3
O. ARRESTS - MEXICAN	78	3,438
P. ARRESTS - U.S.	7	117
Q. ARRESTS - OTHER	0	35
R. VEHICLES	13	531
S. WEAPONS	13	1,072
T. AMMUNITION	53	41,965
U. PESOS	\$55,050.00	\$3,322,338.00
V. DOLLARS	0	\$/5,432.00
W. AIRCRAFT	0	32
X. VESSELS	0	3

2. ERADICATION STATISTICS FOR THE 35TH WEEK OF 1978 COMPARED WITH THOSE FOR THE SAME PERIOD IN 1977 SHOW 97 POPPY FIELDS COVERING 6 HECTARES DESTROYED IN 1978 AS COMPARED TO 135 POPPY FIELDS COVERING 10.51 HECTARES DESTROYED DURING 1977. FIGURES FOR 1978 SHOW AN APPROXIMATE 40 PERCENT REDUCTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN THE NUMBER OF FIELDS DESTROYED AND AN APPROXIMATE 45 PERCENT REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF HECTARES DESTROYED COMPARED TO 1977 FIGURES. POPPY ERADICATION ACTIVITY DURING THIS PERIOD IN 1978 TOOK PLACE PRIMARILY IN ZONES II AND XII, AND TO A LESSER EXTENT IN ZONE VI; WHEREAS DURING 1977, IT WAS ABOUT EQUALLY DIVIDED BETWEEN ZONES II AND VI.

3. FIELD OPERATIONS;

A. ZONE 2, CHILPANCINGO, STATE OF GUERRERO: DAILY REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THE ZONE COORDINATOR REVEAL A TOTAL OF 74 POPPY FIELDS WERE SPRAYED DURING THE PERIOD AUG 28 THRU SEPT 7. THE JOINT EVALUATION TEAM DETECTED A TOTAL OF 50 POPPY FIELDS FOR THE ENTIRE ZONE UPON COMPLETION OF THE FLIGHTS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT GENERALLY THE SPRAY SHIPS ALWAYS REPORT MORE FIELDS THAN THE RECON TEAMS DETECT AS SPRAY PILOTS OPERATE AT TREE-TOP LEVEL AND CAN BETTER DISTINGUISH INDIVIDUAL FIELDS.

B. ZONE 6, CULIACAN, STATE OF SINALOA: THE JOINT EVALUATION TEAM COMMENCED FLIGHTS ON SEPT 2, AND COVERED TWELVE SECTORS IN THE AREA BETWEEN THE ADVANCE BASES OF TOPIA AND SAN JOSE DEL LLANO. THE FOLLOWING SECTORS

HISTORICALLY HAVE BEEN HIGH POPPY FIELD CONCENTRATION AREAS:

70, 71, 72, 74, 75, 76, 77, 80, 81, 82, 85 AND 86. FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH SEPT 7, THE JOINT TEAM DETECTED A TOTAL OF 506 POPPY FIELDS AND THREE MARIHUANA PLOTS. BAEZA'S COMMENT ON THE SIGNIFICANT DECREASE UNDERSCORES THE FIGURES REPORTED THUS FAR ARE CONSIDERABLY LOWER THAN THEIR PROJECTIONS. REPORTS INDICATE THE JOINT TEAM IS FLYING MISSIONS BASED ON FOUR-SECTOR GRIDS. THE POPPY FIELD COUNT COULD CHANGE SIGNIFICANTLY AS JOINT TEAM COVERS OTHER GRIDS OF HIGH CONCENTRATIONS.

C. A ZONE COORDINATORS CONFERENCE IN MEXICO CITY: THE OFFICE

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OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CONDUCTED ITS SECOND COORDINATORS CONFERENCE ON SEPT 7, WITH ALL THIRTEEN DEPUTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS FROM EACH ONE OF THE ZONES IN ATTENDANCE. BAEZA TOLD THE NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE ATTACHE THAT IN ADDITION TO THE USUAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS DISCUSSED, ATTORNEY GENERAL FLORES MADE A PERSONAL APPEARANCE AND ISSUED SPECIFIC ORDERS ON THE RESPONSIBILITIES ENTRUSTED TO EACH COORDINATOR AND THEIR DUTY TO EXERCISE RIGID SUPERVISORY CONTROL OVER ALL ACTIVITIES WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONS. BAEZA PRESIDED OVER THE DISCUSSIONS RELATED TO ACCURATE AND TIMELY REPORTING TO MEXICO CITY ON A DAILY SCHEDULED BASIS THROUGH THE AG OFFICE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK.

4. NASA REMOTE SENSING PROJECT: BASED ON PERSONNEL PROFILES PROVIDED BY EARTH RESOURCES LABORATORY (ERL), THE

DIRECTOR OF THE AG OFFICE TRAINING INSTITUTE RECRUITED FIRST FIVE TECHNICIANS FOR US TRAINING ON THE INTERIM SYSTEM DATA PROCESSING UNIT. FIRST GROUP SCHEDULED TO DEPART FOR ERL DURING WEEK OF 11 SEPT. AVIATION ADVISOR CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN SELECTING AIR CREWS FOR BEECH KINGAIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR INSPECTION OF MODIFICATIONS END OF SEPT. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND DETENAL HAVE DISPATCHED THEIR TECHNICIANS TO ERL FOR FAMILIARIZATION COURSE ON INTERIM SYSTEM DATA PROCESSING.

5. MAPPING PROJECT: DURING RECENT TDY IN WASHINGTON, NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE ATTACHE DISCUSSED MAPPING REQUIREMENTS WITH S/NM OFFICERS AND LIAISON OFFICER BYAR8 FROM DEFENSE MAPPING AGENCY (DMA) FOR UTILIZATION DURING FIRST PHASE OF INTERIM SYSTEM IN ZONE 6. ANY RELATED COSTS FOR ESSENTIAL MAP PRODUCTION REQUESTED BY NASA CAN BE FUNDED FROM THE DOLLARS 200,000 CONTINGENCY FUND UNDER THE MAY 22, 1978, LETTER OF AGREEMENT.

6. TELECOMMUNICATIONS: CHIEF OF AG TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIVISION NOTIFIED EMBASSY OFFICER HE WAS ORDERED TO MEET WITH SECRETARY OF DEFENSE CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS ON 11 SEPT TO COORDINATE DEPLOYMENT OF AG OFFICE, PROVIDED TELECOM EQUIPMENT AND SHARING OF FREQUENCIES FOR OPERATION CONDOR WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE LATTER PART OF OCTOBER. QUESTION RAISED BY AG TELCOM CHIEF RELATES TO STATUS OF PROCUREMENTS OF COMMO EQUIPMENT FOR FALL-WINTER CAMPAIGN OF JOINT AGAMILITARY UNITS IN THE FIELD. THIS TOPIC SUBJECT OF SEPTTEL TRANSMITTED ON 8 SEPT. EMBASSY APPRECIATES MOST EXPEDITIOUS PROCESSING OF FOLLOWING PIO/C'S; 1) 089/C 5-2387838; 2) PIO/C 5-2387839; 3) PIO/C 5-2387840; AND RL PIO/C 5-52387841

7. LORAN-C TESTS: LORAN-C TEST FLIGHTS CONDUCTED BY OFFSHORE NAVIGATIONS, INCORPORATED (ONI) SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE ON SEPT 8 IN CULIACAN. EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTION DELAYED TEST FLIGHTS AS NEW CIRCUIT BOARDS WERE REQUIRED TO RESUME TESTS. THE LORANAC GROUND TRANSMITTER INSTALLATION WAS COMPLETED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ERECTION OF THE 150 FOOT ANTENNA LOCATED IN THE PROXIMITY OF THE AG HANGAR IN CULIACAN.

8. E-SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT: THE THREE TRAINING

INSTRUCTORS NOW ARE INSTALLED WITH THEIR AG-PROVIDED SUPPORT STAFF IN THE TRAINING AREA IN AG HANGAR NO. 2 AT THE AIRPORT IN MEXICO CITY. THE FULL TRAINING CADRE CONSISTS OF E-SYSTEMS INSTRUCTORS, TWO BILINGUAL SECRETARIES, AND FIVE, REPEAT FIVE, AERO SERVICES INSTRUCTOR TRAINEES. TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR BOTH FW AND RW COURSES PREPARED AND READY FOR IMPLEMENTATION.

9. AVIATION OPERATIONS: THE AG-CONTRACTED DOSS AVIATION ROTARY WING INSTRUCTOR PILOTS WERE DEPLOYED TO THE PRIORITY BASES TO CONDUCT TRAINING AND CHECK OUT THE NEW BATCH OF RECENTLY GRADUATED PILOTS FROM SOUTHLAND HELICOPTERS. SINCE OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS DICTATE PRIORITY AREAS, AVIATION ADVISOR NOW SCHEDULED TO FLY TO CULIACAN IN TWIN OTTER WITH FOUR OTHER NEW RW PILOTS TO CONDUCT SUPPORT SHIP TRAINING ON-THE-JOB.

10. WASHINGTON HERBICIDE TECHNICAL GROUP VISIT: DR. GENTNER AND DR. WILL ARRIVED AS SCHEDULED ON 5 SEPT AND MET WITH GOM TECHNICAL GROUP FOR TWO DAYS. DURING FINAL BRIEFING SESSION FOR BAEZA ON 7 SEPT, BAEZA AGREED TO RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY JOINT GROUP TO DEVELOP AN EXPERIMENTAL STATION IN CULIACAN TO RAISE BOTH POPPY AND MARIHUANA FOR EXTENSIVE, CONTROLLED TESTING PURPOSES USING VARIOUS APPROVED HERBICIDES, MARKING AGENTS, AND SURFACTANTS. DR. GENTNER WILL BRIEF S/NM OFFICERS UPON RETURN TO WASHINGTON. TEAM DEPARTED ON 8 SEPT.

11. BAEZA HAS NOT RAISED TOPIC AGAIN ON AG OFFICE CONTRACTING FORD TEAM FOR FUTURE JOINT EVALUATIONS. UNDOUBTEDLY, THIS TOPIC WILL BE REVIEWED WHEN FORD CONDUCTS BRIEFING FOR BAEZA AND AG FLORES UPON COMPLETION OF FIRST PHASE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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